

Edwardsville Cool Cities Advisory Committee

Official Minutes for the meeting on

April 21, 2022

First Floor Conference Room, Edwardsville City Hall

Call to Order: 6:04 pm

Members Present: Stephanie Malench, Tom Kinsella, Rachel Tompkins, Brigham Dimick, Cara Lytle, Kristen Pauli

Members Absent: Brad Sauer, Jamie Henderson

Guests: None

Citizens wishing to speak to the Commission: None

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call – Rachel Tompkins, Stephanie Malench, Tom Kinsella, Brigham Dimick, Cara Lytle, Kristen Pauli
3. Approval of Minutes from the February 17, 2022 Cool Cities Committee meeting TK motioned to accept, BD seconded
4. Citizens wishing to address the Board - no citizens wishing to address the board
5. Announcements - Brad Sauer elected not to be reappointed. New appointments begin May 5th.
6. Old Business

A. Plum Creek Greenspace SM and RT met with developers. They won't begin building for three years and that leaves us with time to try to get ordinances passed. It is planned for mixed use (residential/business). SM and RT advocated for affordable housing. The developer planned to eliminate the retention pond but concerned citizen attendants to the meeting advocated for retaining the pond. The developer was interested in an ordinance to lower the amount of required parking spaces.

B. Republic Services – Recycling at Public Events KP was unable to contact Carrie Ward from RS. Carrie Ward stated we should concentrate on plastic. It was recommended that Good Dirt Composting could be contacted to see if they want to get involved for these select public events.

C. Parking Requirements – Alderman Will Krause is interested in creating a suite of ordinances and collaborating with concerned citizens. Electric car charging and composting ordinances were met with some concerns in a city meeting. Restrictions of where to place compost piles twenty feet from a building and ten feet from the property line were suggested. RT will write a letter on the Cool Cities Committee's behalf to advocate that the composting ordinance should not be too restrictive. An ordinance will be put forward for cycling being allowed on sidewalks. WK is also interested in Dark Sky ordinance to limit light pollution. Decrease buy-out for Greenspace and increase incentives for permeable paving may also be considered. Combining two ordinances: increasing greenspace while lowering required parking lots could offset costs. Sarah Cundiff is taking the lead on the Greenspace ordinance. Mary Grose is taking lead on composting ordinance. RT is taking the lead on Dark Sky and parking lot ordinances. Owen Leutkemeyer will present on

May 17th at City Council at 7pm. He would be good to consult for the parking lot ordinances. Next meeting with Will Krause is May 5th at 6pm..

D. Honor Ginger McCall – no report.

E. Fire House – TK: Showed blueprints and discussed the reasonable design that reduces pavement which will lower costs. Solar panels are planned. TK gave guidance to the builders on how to gain points to make their build LEEDS certifiable. LEEDS requires 50% recycling of construction waste. Recycling building waste is not cost effective so forcing this through policy is important.

7. New Business

A. Green Cities Challenge – CL and SM reported on attending the Green Cities Challenge on 4/7/22 and RT went on 3/30/22 (both virtual). CL thanked Caleb Miller for attending. Webster Groves is adding bike lanes, Wildwood is active in bike advocacy, and Glen Carbon is adding solar panels to a public building. CL suggests that we need a share drive so that different advocacy committees can connect with each other's information.

8. Adjournment 7:05pm BD moved to adjourn at 7:05, SM seconded.

9. Next Meeting – May 19 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 118 Hillsboro Avenue

*Rachel Vitoupleins*